

has the only elected City Prosecutor in the State of California. During his tenure, the City Prosecutor's office grew from nine to 15 attorneys. He started special units to handle misdemeanor domestic violence cases and environmental crimes. The Domestic Violence Prosecution Unit has its own courtroom and has recently achieved a 78 percent conviction rate. The Hazardous Materials Prosecution Unit has raised over \$2.5 million for our community.

Under John Vander Lans's leadership the City of Long Beach Prosecutor's office has successfully resolved 98 percent of building code complaints against slumlords without going to court. This is just another example of the fine work that John has done for Long Beach over the past 20 years. I know that John will be missed at City Hall, but I also know that he and Patricia, his wife of 38 years, will continue to serve our community for years to come.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### **HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 1998*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, June 25, 1998 by unanimous con-

sent I was granted a leave of absence for official business at the request of House Majority Leader DICK ARMEY. As a member of the House International Relations Committee, I proudly co-hosted the European Parliament for the 49th United States/European Parliament Interparliamentary Meeting in College Station, Texas, of which I represent.

Had I been present I would have voted "aye" on roll call vote 267, "nay" on roll call vote 268, "aye" on roll call vote 269, "aye" on roll call vote 270, "nay" on roll call vote 271, "aye" on roll call vote 272, "nay" on roll call vote 273 and "aye" on roll call vote 274.

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#### COMMEMORATING THE RETIREMENT OF JOHN R. CALHOUN, CITY ATTORNEY OF LONG BEACH, CA

#### **HON. STEPHEN HORN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 1998*

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Hon. John R. Calhoun as the elected City Attorney of Long Beach, California. John Calhoun has served with distinction the city government and residents of Long Beach. During John's tenure, Long

Beach has become the 5th largest city in California and the 31st largest in the nation.

As he retires, John Calhoun is the longest serving elected City Attorney in California.

Mr. Speaker, John Calhoun has overseen the legal affairs of the city of Long Beach for 15 years. In that time its seaport has become one of America's largest. John has substantially assisted the International trade of the United States, especially in the great Pacific Rim Basin, for which the Port of Long Beach has become a basic transportation hub.

John Calhoun also has had a distinguished career in the U.S. Army Reserve, from which he retired as a Colonel in the Judge Advocate Corps.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a number of our many colleagues—past and present—in the House who have come to know City Attorney Calhoun over the years, I would offer his commitment to public service as an example of the quality local governmental leadership and professionalism that personifies good government for all our citizens. John's career has been marked by a strict insistence on courtesy and fairness to all the city's citizens and to the elected officials with whom he has shared leadership for so many years.

So best wishes to John Calhoun and his wife, Betty. I think that dynamic couple will offer even more constructive service in the years ahead